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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: T. Barge et al.)

Serial No.: 10/069,058)

Filed: August 29, 2001)

For: METHOD FOR TREATING SUBSTRATES)
FOR MICROELECTRONICS AND)
SUBSTRATES OBTAINED ACCORDING)
TO SAID METHOD)

Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: Marcos D. Pizarro-
Crespo

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-4600

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 4 herein.

No fees are believed to be required for timely consideration of this paper. Should any
fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit
Account No. 50-1814, Reference 4717-4600.